

## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of:

Michael PAULISTA et al

Serial No.: Unknown

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For: COMPOUNDS WITH IMPROVED CARTILAGE-INDUCING AND/OR BONE-INDUCING ACTIVITY

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Ainda**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

May 18, 1999

Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee and prior to the examination of this application, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

**IN THE SPECIFICATION:**

Page 26, line 6, delete "3" and insert therefor --2--.

**IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please amend the claims as follows:

Claim 3, line 1, delete "or 2".

Claim 4, lines 1 or 2, delete "one of the claims 1 to 3" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 6, line 1, delete "claims 4 or 5" and insert therefor --claim 4--.

Claim 7, line 1, delete "claims 4, 5 or 6" and insert therefor --claim 4--.

Claim 8, line 2, delete "one of the claims 1 to 7" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 11, line 2, delete "one of the claims 1 to 7" and insert therefor --claim 1--.

Claim 12, lines 1 and 2, delete "one of the claims 1 to 7 or of a pharmaceutical composition as claimed in claim 11" and insert therefor --claim 1--.